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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 46th, 47th, 48th and 56th meetings, on 5, 7 and 8 May and 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.46-48 and 56).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 (A/57/667);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/687 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 and budget for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/57/723);

(d) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/772 and Add.4 and Add.4/Corr.1).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.69

4. At its 56th meeting, on 4 June, the representative of Argentina, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on the item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/57/L.69).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.69 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1442 (2002) of 25 November 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 56/502 of 27 June 2002,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] A/57/667, A/57/687 and Corr.1 and A/57/723.

[2] A/57/772 and Add.4 and Add.4/Corr.1.

[3] S/1994/647.

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 31 March 2003, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 20.2 million United States dollars, representing some 9 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payment by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

11. *Takes notes* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 45,772,600 dollars for the period from

[4] A/57/772/Add.4 and Corr.1.
[5] A/57/667.

1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, inclusive of 43,798,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,511,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 462,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 14,567,500 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 24,705,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,058,758 dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and 57/290 of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, and for the year 2004,[6] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,070,100 dollars at a monthly rate of 172,508 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,702,300 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 340,500 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 27,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* that, taking into account the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 5,381,600 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2002, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 2,747,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 55/236 and 57/290, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2002, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 2,747,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Also decides* that the decrease of 38,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 2,747,000 referred to in paragraphs 16 and

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

17 above, and that the respective shares of Member States therein shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of those paragraphs, as appropriate;

19. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2002, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,781,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

20. *Decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2002, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 853,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

21. *Also decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".